



ISD APPROPRIATIONS FACT SHEET

- ISD IS A STATE SPECIAL SCHOOL
 - All Iowa students who are deaf or hard of hearing may be eligible, depending on identified needs.
 - ISD provides students highly intensive, individualized Special Education and Related Services as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Continuum of Services).
 - Between 105 and 110 students have been served annually in the past decade on campus, and 40-60 more students have been served off-campus.
- ISD'S BUDGET IS FUNDED PRIMARILY BY STATE GENERAL FUNDS (~95%)
 - ISD cannot charge tuition to Iowa students.
 - ISD cannot levy taxes, as it is a state school and serves the entire state.
- BUDGET INCREASES ANNUALLY BETWEEN FY05 AND FY09 AVERAGED 4.6%
 - Increases permitted funding unavoidable cost increases, with program reductions because actual increased costs average 6-8% annually.
 - ISD maximized efficiencies in collaboration with other Regents' institutions and on campus (e.g., energy efficient fixtures and utilities replacements, etc.).

- BUDGET CUTS OF 15.83% FROM FY09-FY11 TOOK FUNDING LEVELS TO JUST ABOVE FY05 LEVEL
 - ISD minimized cuts in student direct services and meet our mission, although only at basic levels.
 - Special program supports have been sought through grants or gifts, e.g., SMART technology, new Science Center (raised \$1.123 million in private funds).
 - From FY01 to FY11 personnel were reduced from 161 to 129 including 24 teaching positions.
 - Some vocational programs and itinerant personnel services were eliminated entirely.
- HOW ISD WILL USE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR
 - To strive to meet the essential mission of providing Special Education and Related Services to Iowa's students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
 - To fund increases in fixed costs.
- PROGRAMS MUST BE CUT MORE IF ISD'S APPROPRIATION LEVEL IS AT 0% GROWTH OR LOWER.
 - \$240,000 is needed for unavoidable increases. Flat funding will compel cuts.
- ISD'S REQUEST FOR FY12 IS A BUDGET INCREASE OF 2% TO ENSURE NO ADDITIONAL SERVICES ARE CUT.
 - Programs and services will remain at essential, basic levels.